

Welcome to the CAB

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What is a CAB?



- A body consisting of...
 - Standing and temporary members
 - Who are prepared.
 - Who give due diligence to CAB matters.
 - Who represent a defined point of view.
- ... which gives advice to the Change Manager (CM)
 - Advice focused on the mission of Change Management.
 - Purpose is to discover and find conflicts that affect your area of responsibility, but free to make more general comments.
 - In a working meeting with a definite agenda.

What's a Change?



- Changes to the live technical environment or to certain documents that govern it.
 - Changes needed to sustain service or to provide internal optimizations or corrections. (This is a broad category.)
 - Replacing "broken" things, or things about to become "broken."
 - Placing optimizations into the system.
 - Provisioning within a defined framework.
 - Changes in response to new or evolved customer* requirements.
 - Generated, ultimately, by Service Management.
 - Are approved w.r.t. impact on the live environment.
 - Once approved, the changes to implement and provide the services fall into case 1.

^{*} group who defines and agrees to the Service Level Targets.

Role of Change Management



- Goal is to protect the live environment.
 - Technical environment
 - Documentation environment
- Under ITIL, the roles of Change Management include:
 - Upstream of changes going live:
 - authorize plans to build a change.
 - approve the the release of changes into live environment
 - Downstream of change going live:
 - ensure Post Implementation Review (PIR).

Types of Normal Changes



Standard

- Changes of low risk, with pre-approved templates.
- Because work is pre-approved, explicit approvals are not needed.

Minor

- Changes of low enough risk that the CM can approve without CAB consultation.
- Possibly requires some ad-hoc consulting.

Major

Changes where risk is high enough that the CM consults the CAB.

High Risk



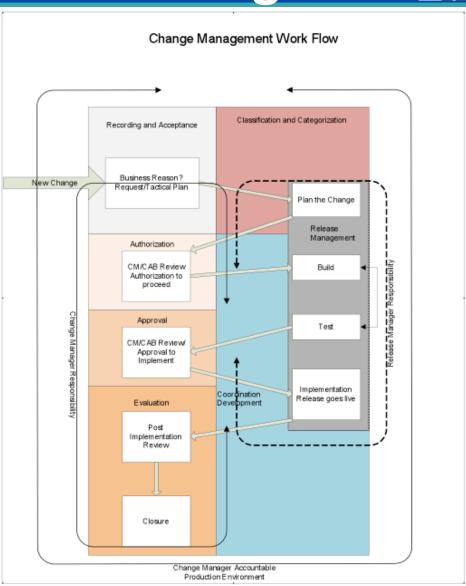
- When a service is on-boarded there's a negotiation with the CM about general level of risk.
 - Changes having high risk are flagged when entered into the system.
- The Change Submitter also fills out a risk screen questionnaire.
 - Risk will be computed from the questions.
- The CM considers these inputs and decides the risk.
 - "low" or "high"

Major Change Processing



In a major change the CAB advises the CM on granting:

- "permission to build"
- "permission to go live"



What kind of advice to CM? (1)



- Different kinds of *plans* required for *major* changes.
 - What sort of plans?
 - Plans to construct a release.
 - Plans to put a release in the "live environment."
 - What makes a change major?
 - High Level of Risk, as determined by Change Management processes.
 - (Minor, standard changes and work are not CAB matters.)

What Kind of advice to CM? (2)



- Advice on the Forward Schedule of Change (FSC).
 - The master schedule dealing with "go live" dates.
- Miscellaneous advice, including
 - Advice on (selected) Post Implementation Review
 (PIR) data
 - Advice on CAB's own by-laws.
- Notice of changes...
 - in the pipe, which are not, for example, draft RFC's.
 - which have escaped the process.

CAB Onboarding



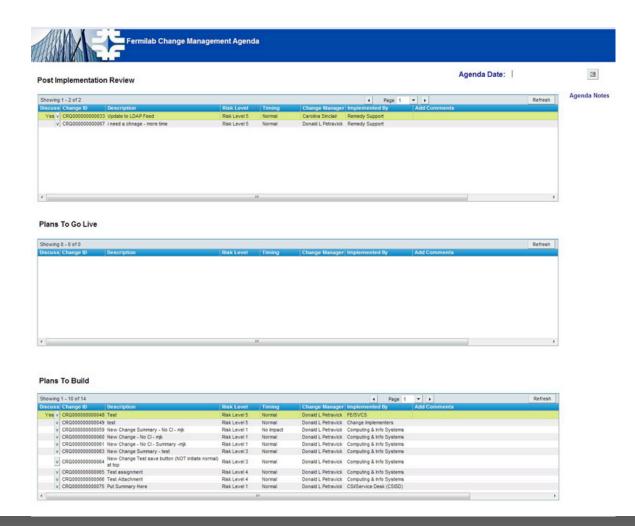
- What can I expect and what is expected of me?
- An hour of prep and an hour of CAB/week
 - A good part of the CAB agenda is on the web in the remedy tool, accessible by a services account.
- Some critical thinking about process and by-laws.
 - We will learn about the cadence of CAB meetings as we onboard.
- As we mature, the CM will also seek advice about risk assessment. Right now, we only have a heuristic understanding of the risk level that makes a change "major."

Tool Demo



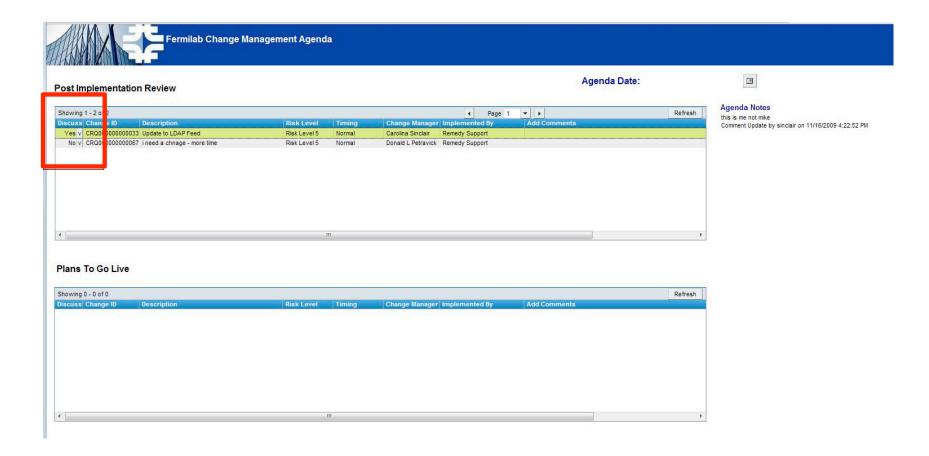
Log in to <URL to come> with your Services account:

The CAB meeting agenda for Plans and Postimplementa tion reviews will be displayed.





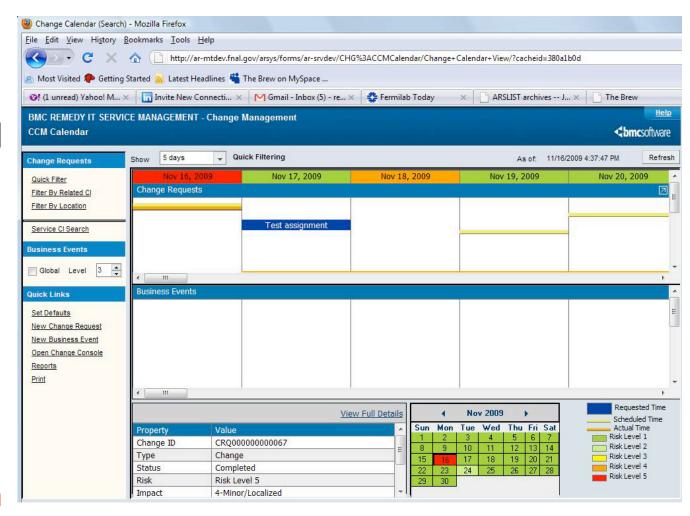
CAB members may flag items they wish to discuss when they prepare for the meeting. Normally, only flagged items are discussed in the CAB.





The Forward schedule of change--linked from the CAB agenda-provides an overview of approved future changes.

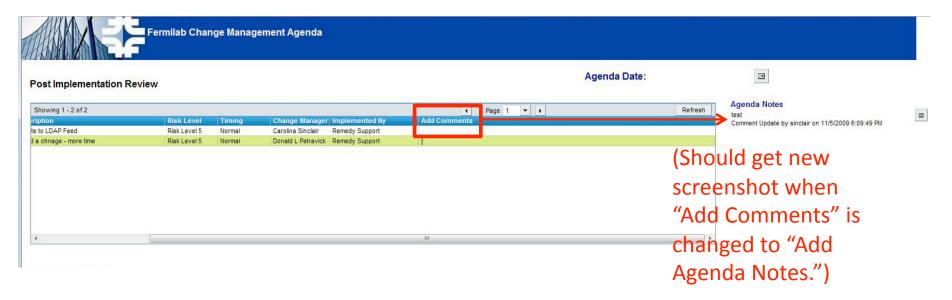
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Click "Add Agenda Notes" to view or add highlevel comments to a record.

(Note: hitting "Enter" or moving to the next line populates the field.)





Double-click record to view the actual Change

Request and add'l details.

"Agenda
Notes" are
appended
to the "CAB
Comments"
in "Work Info"
field of Change
Request.

